

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and its limitations have been added to claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify the claimed invention. The claims have also been amended to better conform them to U.S. patent practice.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, and 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,586,468 (Dzioba). The Examiner has also rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dzioba. Applicants traverse these rejections because Dzioba fails to disclose or suggest all of the claim limitations. Specifically, Dzioba fails to disclose or suggest at least the following limitations:

Claim 1:

at least one oil pump mounted on said at least one motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X;

at least one vacuum pump mounted on said at least one motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X;

Claim 8:

e) mounting said gear, said at least one oil pump and said at least one vacuum pump on said at least one motion transmission shaft coaxially to said main axis X-X;

Claims 1 and 8 requires the oil pump and the vacuum pump be mounted on the same shaft and coaxially to the same axis. On the other hand, Dzioba discloses an oil pump and a

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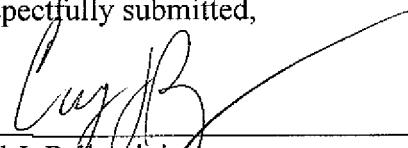
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vacuum pump that are not mounted on the same shaft. Specifically, the oil pump 14 is on the shaft 22 and the vacuum pump 16 is on a different shaft 38, which is parallel to the shaft 22.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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